

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jesse Longoria upon his election as President of Duke University Student Government for 2005-2006.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those outstanding young citizens whose stellar performance in politics and public service as college students surely bodes well for their future prominence as national and world leaders; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Longoria, who graduated from Memphis Evangelical School with high honors in 2002, is one such gifted and upstanding young man; and

WHEREAS, winning the confidence and respect of his fellow students through his personable manner and his approachability, Jesse Longoria was recently elected President of Duke University Student Government for 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, having recently finished his junior year as a biomedical engineering major at Duke, Jesse assumed the Presidency of Duke Student Government (DSG) on April 27, 2005, the last day of classes of the spring semester; his sure-to-be illustrious tenure will continue through his senior year until the end of the 2006 spring semester; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Longoria's primary goals for his Presidency include transforming DSG into a more forceful advocate for students and their needs and making DSG more accessible to students in general; and

WHEREAS, realizing the importance of student input, President Longoria is firmly committed to finding the pulse of the Duke student body and leading DSG in the direction that the students want, instead of the direction DSG prefers; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career in Duke Student Government, Jesse has impressed his colleagues, fellow students and the administration alike by always being well

prepared and able to offer a sound assessment of what the student body is thinking on any given issue; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as President of Duke Student Government during his senior year, Mr. Longoria will also be a member of the Duke University Board of Trustee's Business and Finance Committee and the Duke University Priorities Committee and serve as the Student Representative to the Board of Directors of the Duke Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, during his junior year at Duke, Jesse rendered astute and proficient service as a member of the DSG Executive Committee and the Vice President of Athletics and Campus Services; he provided valuable input on the student plaza project and greatly improved the student body's relationship with and understanding of Campus Services at Duke; and

WHEREAS, he also served his university and fellow students with distinction as a member of the Duke University Board of Trustee's Buildings and Grounds Committee, the University Athletics Council, the President's Committee on the Facilities and the Environment, the NCAA Decennial Review of Duke Athletics Steering Committee, and the NCAA Decennial Review of Duke Athletics Rules Compliance and Governance Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was Executive Vice President of the Inferno (Student Athletic Club) and served a health care internship in the orthopedic unit at Duke University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, during his sophomore year at Duke, Mr. Longoria expressed his interest in politics and public service by seeking and winning the offices of President of the Class of 2006 and Duke Student Government Senator; he served capably in both offices and was also a member of the Athletics and Campus Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule with DSG, Jesse also served as the Student Representative to the Board of Directors of the Duke Alumni Association, First Year Advisory Councilor, and Kappa Alpha Order Social Chair as a sophomore; and

WHEREAS, honing his already considerable leadership skills as a freshman at Duke, Jesse served as President of Giles Dormitory and President of his Kappa Alpha Order pledge class; and

WHEREAS, taking to the hallowed traditions of Duke basketball like a duck to water, Mr. Longoria has served two years as a Krzyzewskiville Line Monitor and will continue to do so as a senior; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure at Duke, Jesse Longoria had already established his excellence as a scholar, athlete, public servant, civic leader, and human being during his four years as a student at Memphis Evangelical School, graduating third in his class and participating in numerous organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, a fixture on the Principal's List throughout his high school career, Jesse attended the Tennessee Governor's School and was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award; this remarkable young man also won the coveted Gold Medal for the National Latin Exam in 2000 and 2001 and attained a perfect score on the difficult exam in 2001; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader and role model among his peers, Mr. Longoria served with acumen and integrity as his class's Student Council Representative for four years and as Student Council President during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many academic accomplishments at ECS, Jesse Longoria was a multi-talented and dedicated athlete and a three-year letterman in varsity football and varsity track and field; and

WHEREAS, Jesse's sterling play at tight end and defensive end and his inspiring leadership were instrumental in the Evangelical Christian School football team's capturing three consecutive State Championships in 1999, 2000, and 2001; and

WHEREAS, a perennial competitor in the State high jump, Jesse placed fifth in 2000, third in 2001, and then improved yet again to claim second place honors statewide in 2002; he was named "Best of Preps" (All-Metro Memphis) in Track for three consecutive seasons; and

WHEREAS, a young man who understands that citizenship entails many responsibilities, as well as privileges, Jesse has generously donated his time, energy, and talents to several civic and charitable organizations in both Memphis and Durham; and

WHEREAS, Jesse's family is quite understandably proud of this exceptional young man and his impressive accomplishments across several disciplines; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of proud parents, Ritchie Longoria, Jr. and Kathleen Person Longoria, and the brother of Ritchie Longoria, III, who graduated with honors from Mississippi State University and just finished his second year as a student at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, and Katie Longoria, who will be entering her junior year this fall at Memphis Evangelical Christian School; and

WHEREAS, Jesse is also the grandson of our most valued colleague, Senator Curtis Person, Jr. and Geraldean Smith Person; and

WHEREAS, a young man of great ability and achievement and even greater promise, Jesse Longoria has been elected to the highest office in Duke University Student Government, and he should be appropriately recognized, even though he is encroaching upon his grandfather's territory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Jesse Longoria upon his election as President of Duke University Student Government for 2005-2006, commend his ongoing commitment to "government of the people, by the people, for the people," salute his astounding success in many different disciplines as a young man, and wish him all the best in his Presidency and in his life after college.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to cause the contents of this resolution to be spread upon the Senate Journal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.